

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Adult Independence Health & Well Being
2.	Date:	Monday 13th June, 2011
3.	Title:	Adult Services Revenue Outturn Report 2010/11 All Wards Affected
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

To inform Members of the Revenue Outturn position for the Adult Social Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate for the financial year 2010/11. After adjustments for VER and in year virements the net Outturn for Adult Services shows an underspend of £988,751 against a revised net cash limited revenue budget of £72,336,065 (a variation of -1.37%). However in real terms the outturn before these adjustments results in the Directorate, as a whole, achieving an under spend of £2.219m, this under spend contributed to addressing the significant budget pressures which emerged across the wider Council.

A significant part of the forecast underspend is due to an overachievement in the savings associated with the merger of the wardens and care enablers service. The response to voluntary severance has been higher than anticipated. Additional savings have been achieved through holding vacancies to facilitate redeployment of staff in support of the various structural reviews. Increasing numbers of residential care clients are now receiving full funding through continuing health care. This has been underpinned by tight financial management within the service.

6. Recommendations

That Members receive and note the unaudited 2010/11 Revenue Outturn Report for Adult Services.

7. Proposals and Details

The 2010/11 revised cash limited budget after supplementary estimates and budget virements was £72,336,065, the net Outturn for the service for 2010/11 is £71,347,314. This results in an overall net underspend of £988,751 (-1.37%). This represents an increase in the underspend of £42,208 compared with the last budget monitoring report, largely due to additional income from continuing health care.

During 2010/11 a number of significant budget pressures emerged across the wider Council and as part of meeting these in year budget pressures, Adult Services have contributed a total of £868k savings from it's original approved budget (NAS Directorate £1.14m). These savings were approved by The Cabinet on 17 November 2010 and the revenue budget for Adult Services amended accordingly.

These savings included delaying the implementation of community based alternatives to residential care within Physical and Sensory Disabilities (£250k), increased levels of Continuing Health Care funding from Health (£500k) and efficiency savings within commissioning and training including a review of grant funding (£118k).

The summary revenue outturn position for Adult Social Services is as follows:-

Service Area	Revised Budget	Outturn	Surplus (-) Deficit (+)	% Variation to Budget
	£	£	£	%
Commissioning & Partnerships	4,930,721	4,915,403	-15,318	-0.31
Assessment & Care Management				
- Older People (Independent)	23,724,406	23,587,920	-136,486	-0.58
- Physical & Sensory Disabilities	6,166,562	6,083,434	-83,128	-1.35
- Safeguarding	598,877	508,897	-89,980	-15.02
Independent Living	1,787,175	1,599,463	-187,712	-10.50
Health & Well Being				
- Older People (In-house)	14,608,476	14,859,454	250,978	1.72
- Learning Disabilities	15,951,613	15,408,326	-543,287	-3.41
- Mental Health	4,568,235	4,384,417	-183,818	-4.02
Total Adult Services	72,336,065	71,347,314	988,751	-1.37

The key variations within each service area can be summarised as follows:

Commissioning & Partnerships (-£15k)

There were a number of under and overspends within this service area. There were budget pressures on a number of posts, however, this were offset by the non-recruitment to vacant posts due to the Council wide review of Commissioning and Performance during the year, a general moratorium on non-essential non pay budgets and maximising the use of available grant funding.

Assessment & Care Management

Older People (Independent) (-£136k)

The overall underspend within this service area was in respect of a number of vacant social work posts (-£130k), an overall underspend on the Intermediate Care pooled budget (-£58k) mainly in respect of slippage on employee costs and an underspend on independent sector residential and nursing care due to fewer placements than planned, additional income from health and increased income from property charges (-£525k). However, the underspend was reduced by an overspend on the independent sector Home Care budget (+£375k) due to an increase in average weekly hours during the year together with an increase in average costs of Direct Payments care packages (+£201k).

Physical and Sensory Disabilities (-£83k)

The main pressures during the year were a continued increase in number of clients (+15) receiving direct payments (+£300k), an increase in both hours (+1000) and cost of independent sector home care (+£57k). These overspends were reduced by an underspend on residential and nursing care including delayed implementation of specialist respite care (-£350k) together with efficiency savings on voluntary sector contracts (-£56k).

Safeguarding (-£90k)

This underspend was due to vacant posts during the year including slippage due to difficulties in recruiting.

Independent Living (-£188k)

This underspend was a result of the vacant posts and additional income from charges for Rothercare (-£123k), short term vacancies within Extra Care Housing (-£22k) and Grafton House (-£24k).

Health and Well Being

Older People (In-House) (+£251k)

The main overspend during the year was within In-House Residential Care (+£626k) due to additional agency costs to cover sickness during the year plus a recurrent budget pressure on income from charges. These overspends were reduced by an underspend on employees within Extra Care Housing (-£327k) together with increased income from additional services and a underspend on vehicle running and leasing costs against the budget for Adult Services Transport unit (-£88k).

Learning Disabilities (-£543K)

The overall underspend within the service is mainly as a result of additional income from charges within supported living and vacancies within community support schemes (-£147k),

increased income from Continuing Health Care funding within Residential and Nursing Care (-£271k), underspends within direct payments (-£60k) due to demand less than forecast and vacant posts within Management and Support (-£52k).

Mental Health Services (-£184k)

The main pressure during the year was the increase in uptake on Direct Payments, an additional 60 clients receiving a service during the year (+£155k).

These pressures have been offset by an underspend in residential and nursing care due to less placements than planned plus additional income from health (-£233k) and further achievement of a number of efficiency savings after reviewing a number of service level agreements with independent and voluntary sector providers (-£65k).

8. Finance

The attached appendix 1 shows a brief description of the main reasons for variation from the approved budget.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The outturn figures included in this report are subject to quality assurance work on the Statement of Accounts, which will be undertaken during June 2011 and subsequently external audit verification during July/August.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The approved cash limited budget for 2010/11 has allowed existing levels of service to be maintained to support the most vulnerable people and continues to contribute to meeting the Council's priorities, ensuring care and protection are available for those people who need it most.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

This report has been discussed and agreed with both the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Adult Services and the Strategic Director of Finance.

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